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WORK ON ROBs
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the construction work on most of the ROBs which were declared in the previous year`s budget has not been started so far; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to start the construction work on those ROBs ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Railways construct Road Over/Under bridges in lieu of existing busy level crossings on cost sharing basis if the traffic density at the level crossing is one lakh or more TVUs (TVU - A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours); otherwise on deposit terms. Proposal in both cases have to be sponsored by the State Government duly fulfilling the pre-requisites as per rules. Railway construct bridge proper (across the tracks) and work on approaches is executed by the State Government concerned. After sanction of Road Over Bridge the work cannot be started immediately as the General Arrangement Drawings have to be prepared, Geo-technical Investigations have to be conducted, detailed designs and detailed estimates have to be prepared. Thereafter, the work is tendered for construction & awarded as per rules. For the construction of Road over bridge land acquisition, removal of encroachments, shifting of utilities and diversion of road is also involved. This takes time. However, all out efforts are made to complete Railway`s portion of work simultaneously with the work of approaches done by State Government.